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# The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly

News and information  
from your town offices and  
local volunteer efforts.

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## Tunbridge Board of Listers

Ben Wolfe - 889-3571

The last few months have seen our board lodge the Grand List, and give attention to grievance hearings. We appreciate any that have taken the time to bring concerns or questions to better understand the process of how we have come up with our property assessments. We also appreciate the patience folks have shown in hearing how changes are unfolding in the Use Value Appraisal ("Current Use") program and the veteran's exemptions (now administered by the Vermont office of Veterans' Affairs). Simple communication with the busy folks at the state offices becomes surprisingly complicated.

We have had the opportunity to work closely with the Select Board and Treasurer to explain our role as listers, the decisions we make, and the procedures we use in putting together the Grand List. Our current challenges involve replacing an aging computer and reviewing options to secure backup of our data.

Next, we will be reviewing the sales study, to calculate next year's Common Level of Appraisal-- the ratio of the listed value of sold properties divided by their sales prices. Currently the Common Level of Appraisal is just over 1.0179, and we expect that to be similar for this coming year.

## Green Up Coordinator

Jim Ludwig 889-9422 jimlu@sover.net.

This position is still open for someone with a creative bent and possible connections with the elementary school. Not a lot of time is required and I will help someone get started.

## Tunbridge School Board

Lorinda Oliver – lorinda.oliver@gmail.com – 889-9462

Kathy Galluzzo - galluzk@nationwide.com - 802-565-0695

Amy Frost – asf802@gmail.com – 889-3739

For information on the latest School Board news contact one of the board members or attend a meeting. Meeting dates can be found at [www.tunbridgevt.com/news/events/](http://www.tunbridgevt.com/news/events/)

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Janet Zug 889-9602 janet@zugglass.com

Questions, comments or suggestions about the TQ can be directed to me at the contact info above.

## Calendar of Events

See individual entries for more events.

- Aug 17 Lippitt Morgan Country Show- Tunbridge Fairgrounds  
-19- <http://www.lippittclub.net/lippitt-country-show/>
- Sept 9 - Recreation Committee Breakfast and Bake Sale  
8am - 12pm, Town Hall. Ongoing- 2nd Sunday each month
- Sept 13 141st Tunbridge World's Fair! Schedule can be found at:  
- 16 - <http://www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com/schedules/fair/>
- Sept 29- Wellspring Waldorf School; Harvest Festival and Michaelmas  
Play 889-3777 - [info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org](mailto:info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org)
- Sept 29 Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival, on the Fairgrounds  
- 30 - <http://vtsheepandwoolfest.org/>
- Oct. 6 Family Motorcoach Rally And Tunbridge Driving Trial  
- 8 - On the Fairgrounds
- Oct 12 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers - with live music - 7:30pm  
Town Hall, All dances taught. \$5.00 donation
- Oct 12 "Holiday in the Hills" with New England artisans and antique  
-14 - dealers from six states at the fairgrounds. Silent auction, food service. Proceeds to benefit the restoration of historic church buildings. Sponsored by the Tunbridge Women's Group and The Tunbridge Church. For more information: 889-3315  
Friday, Oct. 12, Preview Party, 5:30-8 p.m., \$10  
Saturday, Oct. 13, 10-5, \$5 Sunday, Oct. 14, 10-3, \$5
- Oct 14 - Recreation Committee Breakfast and Bake Sale  
8am - 12pm, Town Hall. Ongoing- 2nd Sunday each month
- Oct 20 - Wellspring Waldorf School; Open House. 10 am- 12 pm  
more info:889-3777 - [info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org](mailto:info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org)
- Nov 3 - Shindig with our favorite local garage band, "The Snakes of Ireland" 8-11pm, Town hall. [www.shindigsvt.com](http://www.shindigsvt.com)  
Cover charge is \$8. each, door charge pays the band.

**Zumba Classes** are available 3 times a week at the Tunbridge School for a minimal cost. Jola Brock's class is on Saturdays at 9am. Emily Ferro's class is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

## **Tunbridge Civic Club**

Maxine Young, Secretary - 763-8274

Merle Howe, President – 889-5574

The Civic Club annual meeting will be held Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs of the Town Hall. New members are welcome. Discussion for another show, election of officers, and other business will be on the agenda. Each year, the proceeds of the Tunbridge Civic Club Show, after expenses, are distributed to various Tunbridge organizations. What could be more worthwhile than putting your talent towards helping civic causes and having a great time in the bargain!! Hope to see you at the annual meeting.

## **Tunbridge Better Bones**

Shelia Mitchinson 889-5547

Tues. & Thurs - 6:30am/ 8:30am/ 5:30pm

Mon & Wed. - 8:30am

Classes at the Town Hall are free with weights provided. Come join us or come back for renewed strength, energy and balance.

## **Hike of the Month**

Linda Lazaroff – 889-9421 or 2happyfeet@myfairpoint.net

The Hike-of-the-Month was initiated by Fred Pond for last year's 250th celebration with hikes from May 8 to November 6, 2011. In January 2012, Linda took over organizing the hikes. Hikes keep gaining in popularity as more people are hearing about them. Each hike is carefully planned to keep everyone interested, most of which have historical importance in the town and are quite educational.

The hikes are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM meeting near the Tunbridge Public Library. The only exception to the scheduled date is if there is a conflict with something else happening in town.

These monthly hikes are open to everyone and all age groups are encouraged to participate. It is great family fun and the regular hikers enjoy this community event.

As long as there is a continuing interest in these monthly hikes, they will continue. Hope to see you at the next hikes:

Sunday, September 2nd – 1:00 PM – Tuttle Hill from Mt. Pleasant Rd

Sunday, October 14th\* – 1:00 PM – Kelsey Mountain

Sunday, November 4th – Riddall Lot (Taylor Road)

\*If Euclid Farnham's Ghost Walk is rained out on Sunday, October 7th, his walk will be rescheduled for Sunday, October 14th. In that event, the Hike-of-the-Month will take place on Sunday, October 21st. Call or e-mail Linda if you have questions on any of the hikes or have suggestions for future hikes.

## **Tunbridge Select Board**

Bob Dunkle, Chair (889-3740) Tom Mullen, (889-9499)

Ingrid Van Steamburg (889-3459)

This has been a busy quarter for the select board with some seemingly endless meetings and a lot accomplished. We close out the fiscal year with Irene now a last year story, fiscally speaking. Despite her best efforts we finished the year in the “Black” both in the High Way Fund and the Select board funds. As most of you have noticed we are in the midst of a fairly substantial paving project on the Strafford road which is partially funded with FEMA funds due to damage from Irene. Winter sand should be stockpiled by August and again, thanks to Irene we were able to purchase sand at a reduced rate from riverbed washouts. As some of you have also noticed we have been replacing culverts and working on roadside ditching on various roads throughout the town. Our major purchase was for new tires for the grader. Please be aware that roadside mowing will continue through August. The Select Board on behalf of the Town of Tunbridge thanks our road crew under the leadership of Rodney Hoyt for all the hard work and dedication.

Some other items of interest. The Select Board met with and wrote a letter of endorsement to the Websterville Baptist Churches school efforts to to change the State of Vermont guidelines for education funding. Currently the State restricts schools with Religious affiliations from having Town funding for students wishing to attend. This potentially costs the community thousands of dollars a year. More recently the Select board was approached by Gifford medical Hospital looking for a resolution supporting their efforts to build a care center in Randolph Center. This resolution asks the Governor to ask the State to redress the proposal that was recently reject. We unanimously supported the idea of a resolution to the Governor.

A few other items of business...

- The First Branch Ambulance received the funding they requested in Town meeting at a special meeting in June.
- The Select Board has hired Besaw & Associates to do an audit.
- We are working with the town Treasurer and the Auditors to come up with a streamlined book keeping program that will help us be more efficient.
- The town recently had a hazardous waste day.

A short reminder also that the transfer station is open Weds in the evening. Transfer Station hours 4:40PM-7:30PM

Finally our hats are off to the hard working volunteers at the town rec field. It is shaping up real nice.

## **Tunbridge Town Clerk**

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

Hours; Monday - Thursday 7:30am-3:00pm

**Primary Election:** August 28, 2012.

**General Election:** November 06, 2012.

Voting Polls are open from 8am until 7pm.at the Town Hall

If you are a resident of Tunbridge but are not on the voter checklist the deadline to register is August 22, 2012 by 5:00pm.

Also dog(s) licenses were due April 1, 2012 late notices were sent to those owners that are on file from last year. If you own a dog(s) and you did not receive a late notice by law you are still required to license your dog(s). If you longer have you're dog(s) please contact the town clerk so that your information can be removed from the system.

If you are new parents please contact the town clerk to ensure that your birth certificate has been received for record. If your child was born out of state the town clerk does not receive a birth certificate, therefore to include your information in the town report please notify the town clerk with the birth information.

Please contact Wendy at the town clerks office with any questions or concerns.

## **First Branch Ambulance & Rescue**

Linda Kuban - 665-2206

First of all we wish to thank the people of Tunbridge for their continued financial and moral support. It is very much appreciated by the board and crew of First Branch.

Through the financial support from the towns, a loan and a grant from USDA we were able to order our new ambulance. We are hoping for delivery right after the first of the year. We are also grateful for the fund raising opportunity each year at the fair, which is essential in maintaining our capital account.

First Branch has been busy since June conducting two CPR classes and a First Aid and CPR class. If anyone is interested in an initial CPR class or re-certification, call the station 685-3112 or ask any member and we would be happy to help you.

We are currently recruiting new members, and are evaluating if we should have a First Responder Class, 40 hours plus practical's, send students to the District EMT class in Bethel 110 hrs plus practical's or both. It will depend on the interest and time constraints for the students.

## **Tunbridge Town Website**

Rick Scully - 763-7474

Many thanks to all who have been sending items for inclusion on the official town website (www.tunbridgevt.com)!

Just a reminder that if you have something you want to promote -- school fundraisers, grange events, hikes, etc -- the website is a great place to post the event. Often items are cross-posted to Facebook where there is a growing number of people visiting the Unofficial group:

[www.facebook.com/groups/149524471756558](http://www.facebook.com/groups/149524471756558).

If you have any questions please contact Rick Scully at [rick@tunbridgevt.com](mailto:rick@tunbridgevt.com).

## **Tunbridge Recreation Committee**

Kevin Barnaby at 889-5671

Well we have not had many meetings but we have got some things done. We are back to having our breakfast the 2nd Sunday of every month. We would like to thank everyone for all the support. We are still raising money to put in a new playground on the rec field. We have gotten a lot of work done on the rec field. We still have some more to do. I would like to have a work bee in the fall after ball games are over so we can do some seeding so if anyone would like to help I can post it later.

I would like to give a huge thanks to George Elderd for all his time and effort on the rec field. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the rec committee or if anyone has any good ideas for fund raisers. We will be having our next breakfast on the 12th of August. I would also like to add that the pool has been getting a lot of use this year and I encourage all to come down and swim.

## **Tunbridge Grange #384**

Mert Vesper - 889-5595

We have accomplished quite a lot since the last publication. the electricity is just about finished, thanks to Fred Welch. The front steps have been removed and new ones put up. A handicap access has been built in back. We are putting a bathroom in upstairs.

Our harvest supper is going to be Sat. Oct. 20 at 5p.m. the hunters breakfast will be Sat. Nov. 10 4a.m. til 9 a.m.

We will have a booth at Tunbridge Fair. We welcome visitors to come see what we have done.

## **Tunbridge School Club**

Kathi Terami- 889-5575 schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us

**Back-to-School BBQ:** All families and community members are invited to come to meet Rick Talbot, the new Principal, and to celebrate the start of the school year on Friday, August 24 from 6:30-8:00pm at TCS. It is an opportunity to mingle with returning families and to meet new families while enjoying a meal together. The School Board will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and School Club will provide beverages. Bring your favorite chips, salad or nut-free dessert to share. Rain or shine. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a complimentary Jump In! magazine courtesy of PTO Today.

**What is School Club?** School Club is an organization dedicated to providing enrichment activities and services to students, families, staff and teachers at TCS. Anyone can participate and there are no membership dues.

**How can you participate?** School Club provides many opportunities for parents, teachers and community members to connect with one another, share ideas, plan activities and more. We welcome volunteers of all interests and abilities. Skills such as organization management, bookkeeping, fundraising, event planning, public relations, cooking/baking, etc. are helpful.

**What are School Club funds used for?** School Club typically spends the money it raises on a movie site license for the school, a leadership and team building experience for the 8th grade class, an overnight Camp In at the Montshire Museum of Science for the 3rd grade class, supplies for events such as the back-to-school potluck, open house, staff holiday breakfast, winter carnival, spring concert, teacher appreciation week, graduation, the end-of-the-year picnic and more.

**Getting the Word Out:** Stay informed about School Club happenings by watching for information sent home with students, the TCS email list, articles on the Tunbridge page in The Herald, the news section of www.tunbridgvt.com and the School Club section inside the Tunbridge Quarterly. Interested individuals can write to schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us to sign up for the email list and receive event details, meeting agendas and more.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Parents, school personnel and community members regularly meet in the TCS Library at 6:30pm on the first Monday every month (or the following Monday due to a school break, holiday or inclement weather) to plan events, hear new ideas, review funding requests and manage the organization. Upcoming meetings are on September 10, October 1 and November 5. All are welcome to come to share ideas or get involved!

## **First Branch Ambulance & Rescue, Con't.**

I would encourage anyone who thinks they may be interested to contact us and visit. This could be one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities you will have. Anyone with questions or that have an interest in a class please call the station 685-3112, Linda Kuban 685-2206 or Adrian Lakin 889-5686.

### **•Mission Statement and Purpose•**

To provide emergency medical, rescue services and education to Chelsea, Tunbridge and the surrounding area. To maintain professional, courteous and skilled personnel to provide care to the people in our area.

### **•Commitment to Excellence•**

We can only provide this service with the financial, personal support and trust of the people in our coverage area. First Branch is committed to provide these services in a highly skilled and professional manor. We are committed to provide First Aid, CPR and Safety education to people of all ages in our area. We are available for Blood Pressure Clinics, Home Safety Checks and stand by at sporting events.

We are here to serve you.

You may write to the ambulance service, call or contact any board member at any time with suggestions, questions and concerns. We are happy to review your ambulance call with you if you had concerns or questions, and you may remain anonymous. We will make every effort to report back to you with in 30 days.

You may contact us at:

First Branch Ambulance & Rescue  
P.O Box 74  
Chelsea Vermont 05038  
802-685-3112

Or contact any member of the board:

Linda Kuban- Administrator 685-2206  
Brooks Chapin- Chelsea Rep 685-3822  
Adrian Lakin- Amb. Captain 889-5686  
Chris Allen- Chelsea Rep 685-2166  
Dan Roberts- Rescue Captain 889-5562  
Mike Kuban- Squad Rep 685-4680  
Deb Mullen- Tunbridge Rep. 889-9406  
David Bradshaw- squad Rep 685-4601  
Bob Sponible- Tunbridge Rep 889-3534

## **Tunbridge One Planet Afterschool Program**

Phil Diamond - 889-3310

'Tis August, the summer is waning, and we here at Tunbridge One Planet Summer Camp are reflecting on the good times we've had. We began Camp with two solid weeks of swim lessons at VTC. And rest assured we were able use what we learned. We practiced our swimming strokes in Storr's pond, The Upper Valley Aquatic Center, Bethel Pool, Silver Lake, and of course the Atlantic Ocean at Hampton Beach.

We put together our own Camp Carnival in week two, constructing gaming booths out of cardboard and paint and other supplies. We ate carnival food, won prizes, and competed in a very messy but awfully fun Pie Eating Contest.

We took another week to learn about how to work together to achieve a common goal. We traveled up to Northern Lights, a ropes course in Essex Junction, to tackle our biggest fears. We all supported each other with encouragement and cheer. Many of us accomplished things that we never thought we could and it was all due to our support for one another. Beautiful to see.

In week four we held our Camp Olympics, a week of competition between three teams. It was a hard fought games. Events such as "Egg on a Spoon", "Three Legged Race", a scavenger hunt and a whole team relay race went down to the wire. Sportsmanship was a key to our success during the week. Rooting for each other, no matter the team, was the name of the game.

And finally in our last week we held a Camp Out on TCS grounds, with a camp fire, great food, stories and songs. It was a wonderful way to wrap up a wonderful summer. Hope to see everybody next year. Good luck in school!

## **Tunbridge Treasurer**

Lynn Laskowski 889-3571 treasurer@tunbridge.biz

Office hours: Mon, Wed & Thurs 7:00-1:00

Once again we are nearing Tax Season as for me not only do I have to figure out how to pay my taxes, but now I have to figure out how to send tax bills to all of you! We are in the process of setting the tax rate and are working very hard to get them out ASAP. A good way to indicate what your taxes may be is to base it by what you had paid last year, it could be a little higher, or with any luck maybe a little lower. If you have any questions please feel free to stop in or give me a call.

## **Tunbridge Church Fair Service**

Judie Lewis at 889-9490

The Tunbridge Church Fair Service, a celebratory musical service known as the Festival of Worship, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the church located in the village above the fair grounds.

The theme of this year's service is "Deep Peace," looking at individual, community and world peace. Included will be music by local band singers and musicians, the church's children's choir, and the church adult choir augmented by other area singers.

The Festival of Music is a come-as-you are worship service which intends to be fun, uplifting, inspirational, and thoughtful.

The children's choir will begin rehearsals on August 22, meeting at 6:30 p.m. The adult choir has begun rehearsals and meets at 7:30 p.m. All singers are welcome! If you would like to participate with the choirs or obtain more information about the service, call the church at 889-3458 or Judie Lewis at the number above.

## **Tunbridge Board of Auditors**

Elizabeth Bicknell, Maxine Young,

The Board of Auditors has one vacant position. Anyone interested in this position should contact the Selectboard or the Board of Auditors to express your interest.

The theme for the 2012 Town Report will be "Farms of Tunbridge". Submit your photos of working Tunbridge farms - past and present. Since farming is so diversified, we are looking for a representation of all types of farms, from dairy farms to beef, pork, chickens, turkeys, vegetables, apples, maple products, cheese; in other words, the changing look of farming in Tunbridge. Pictures of getting the crop in, haying, animals, milking, making products, any other ideas you may have for a great picture submission. Please submit your photos via email to: auditors@tunbridgevt.com. The photographer will receive credit for each photo used. Please contact the auditors with questions.

Beth and Maxine attended an Auditing Symposium offered by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Office of the Vermont State Auditor in June. This proved to be an excellent training and informative session.

The Selectboard and Auditors have been working to obtain professional auditing services for the Town's accounts for the year ended June 30, 2012. The firm of Gene A. Besaw & Associates, P.C., has been awarded the auditing services.

## **Tunbridge Church**

Deadra Ashton - 685-3029

The summer months have been busy at the Tunbridge Church. During the month of July we gathered at the South Tunbridge Methodist Church for Sunday morning services. For the month of August we've moved to the North Tunbridge Baptist Church, returning to the church in the village next to the Town Office in September.

Over the summer we held our annual Ice Cream Social, an outdoor Sunday morning service and picnic at the home of Pam Dietz, the "Keep Stuff Moving" sale that raised \$709 on the Parish House lawn, youth group meetings and family nights. Throughout the week of July 27-August 3 we hosted ACT I, a series of arts workshops led by local artists in the Community House on the South Tunbridge Church property.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday Morning Services: 10:00 a.m.

Sundays in August services held in the North Tunbridge Baptist Church.

Beginning September 2 services held in the Tunbridge Church through June.

Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m.: Festival of Worship  
(The Fair Service).

### **Education and Social Events:**

Sunday School for Children is held every Sunday morning during the Service.

**The Youth Group** (for youth in grades 4 and up) is held on the third Sundays of August (4:00 p.m.), October and November (2:30 p.m.) at the Parish House.

**Family Night**, August 19 (5:30 p.m.) on the Parish House lawn.

**Bible Discussion Group** Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Room.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** beginning in the fall, 8:45 a.m. in the Parish House.

**Annual Stewardship Potluck Luncheon**, Sunday, November 4 in the Town Hall following the service.

For more information contact: The Tunbridge Church at 889-9828 or visit our web site, [tunbridgechurch.org](http://tunbridgechurch.org).

## **ECFiber**

East-Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network

Henry Swayze 889-5556 Janet Zug 889-9602

If you have not been aware of ECFiber and our drive to raise investments in Tunbridge please contact one of your Tunbridge ECFiber delegates and we can answer any further background questions you have. Or, goto: [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net)

The first closing this year yielded more investments than projected over the 5 towns involved. So far in Tunbridge we have only enough to build a slim route coming up Rt.110 to Button Hill and into Strafford over Kibling. Customers will have service available as the cable is strung past their premise.

We were hoping to get into Tunbridge thru the South West corner and connect many more residents. But Alas, it comes down to money. ECFiber can't build it for us if the money isn't available. The staff at ECFiber continues to work tirelessly to do all they can with the resources they have. The more investments Tunbridge secures, the faster the expansion of the network will happen.

ECFiber perseveres in applying for the grants and loans that the state offers. Politics as it is, this small community-owned endeavor cannot seem to win over the corporations.

The good news is, we have recently heard that the state plans to use some of their money to build a section of "backbone" fiber lines that ECFiber can rent. There is expected to be a connection we can use near the bottom of the Chelsea Mountain Rd on Rt 110.

Pole applications have already been submitted for the routes mentioned above. Applications have also been submitted for all of Rt110 to Chelsea and for a loop off 110 running over Whitney Hill, around to the Chelsea Mtn Road, and back to Rt110.

The filing of pole applications signals ECFiber's commitment to build these routes but not the all money to do so. Tunbridge needs more investors to continue building the network with the goal of connecting everyone.

Terms of the investment: 15 year loan to ECFiber pays 7%. No payments in the first year, making the investment yield a bit over 6%.

Notes are available in \$2500. increments. One note yields interest of more than \$1,400. over the 15 years. The next closing on investments will happen in November. It is likely that the terms will change next year, offering a lower rate of return.

Please let us know if you could be an investor.

For folks who want the service but cannot be an investor, it is helpful to be informed. We hope you will subscribe when the service is available and if you know of someone else who may be willing and able to invest in this important project please ask them to contact us.

## **State Representative**

Sarah Buxton - (802) 233-0274 (cell) sbuxton@gmail.com

You should have received a recent edition of "The Buxton Banner" this week. Please take a moment to review a couple key issues like the update on broadband access and overview of the GMP-CVPS merger.

A point of interest: One law, passed this session, stemmed from a community meeting held in Tunbridge last winter. John Durkee convened a meeting to discuss the growing substance abuse and crime issues in our community. Some voiced concern that pawnbrokers in Vermont were less regulated than their counterparts in New Hampshire. As of July 1, pawnbrokers must now verify and record the identity of those selling goods and hold the goods for 10 days before resale. We expect this will support better collaboration between business owners and law enforcement - and help victims of theft to regain their valuables.

Although the legislature doesn't meet during the summer, the Speaker has appointed me to a summer study committee on education. Our charge is to review and evaluate how Vermont currently allocates financial and other resources in a way that promotes high quality, equitable educational opportunities throughout the state. We are also charged with reviewing and evaluating how impediments to opportunity, such as poverty and substance abuse, may be mitigated.

I am already working with many of you, personally, on specific issues. I've started going door-to-door to chat with folks about various concerns - and look forward to seeing you! If you aren't home, I'll be leaving a survey that I hope you will consider completing and returning.

Don't forget, there is a primary election on August 28th. Be sure to vote - because EVERY VOTE MATTERS. If you want to vote early, drop by the Town Clerk's office during business hours to get your ballot, or call Wendy to have her mail you one. As always, contact me if you want to talk more about any issue.

## **Tunbridge Women's Group**

Pam Dietz 889-3315

Inviting women of all ages and walks of life to gather monthly to share a meal and to meet, converse and share common interests. For information call Pam Dietz.

## **Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department**

Jena Young- 889-2804

Greetings from your Volunteer Fire Department!

This spring & summer we have focused on completing some maintenance activities on the trucks including a full inspection from a KME representative in June with a review of our 2009 pumper truck. We are also planning to seal the driveway this summer following the pavement that was added last year.

We are continuing to research options for changing our band frequency due to the law change that goes into effect as of January 2013 which will require us to switch to a narrow band.

Keep an eye out for future hydrant locations & pass your ideas along as we often can obtain grant dollar to help installing new hydrant locations. Additionally, we are always looking for old outbuildings or sheds that can be burned & used as a training opportunity. If you know of either resource please contact Chief Durkee for more information.

Finally, our annual coin drop fundraiser will be held on Friday September 14th and Saturday September 15th. Please contact Matt Loftus 889-3274 if you are able to help out. We need around 15 people for shifts each day to help us make this event successful & we greatly appreciate any time you may have to offer. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it provides much needed resources for the department.

## **Making Change**

Lisa Kippen- 889-9822

A substance abuse support group for young people 14-mid twenties who are considering or committed to getting clean and staying clean. Meetings are held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parish House. [www.secondgrowth.org](http://www.secondgrowth.org)

## **Tunbridge Church Community Playground**

Janet Zug - 889-9602

If you use the playground on the Parish House lawn, please consider donating to help with the upkeep and additions.

Donations can be mailed to the Church Treasurer, T Swayze, 56 Swayze Road in Tunbridge. Please make your check payable to The Tunbridge Church and make sure you specify it is for the Playground in the memo line.

## **Tunbridge Library**

Contact: Jean Wolfe, Librarian 889-9404

ArtSpace Co-ordinator: Betsy Gaiser 763-2288

Hours: Mon and Wed 3-8, Thurs and Fri 3-6, S 10-4

Phone: 889- 9404 for holiday hours.

A return Arts Bus event will take place at the library on August 16, 6:00-7:30. All ages are welcome.

ArtSpace at the library will feature the paintings of artist Anne Schaller, September 7 - November 2. An opening public reception will be held Friday evening, September 7.

This year's Ghost Walk, co-sponsored with the Historical Society, will be held on Sunday, October 7, 1:30 PM at the Village Cemetery. Past residents will talk about their lives in Tunbridge. Meet at the library at 1:15 to carpool. Rain date is October 14.

On sale at the Library are reduced price books, calendars, stationery, seasonal greeting cards, gift wrap bags, and specialty gift items for children and adults. Free, highspeed, wireless internet access is available at the Library. Audio books may also be downloaded to an MP3 player. (Ask librarian Jean Wolfe for details or visit the tutorial on the Library's website: [www.tunbridgelibrary.org](http://www.tunbridgelibrary.org) )

## **Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Jim Wick - 889-3437

For several years Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors has been providing services to local residents through volunteer action. We have gotten some new clients recently, which we like. If you need help with something, the number to call is:

**\*889-3437\***

One of us will take your request and try to line up a volunteer. There is no charge for the service and you don't have to join anything. There are no dues or fees. We are being supported by generous donations from local residents and businesses.

This service is for anyone. Our emphasis will be to provide services for seniors, but ANYONE is eligible. If the request is reasonable and we can find a volunteer, we will do it. Everyone needs help with something sometime, so please call.

A matter of interest: some people in Putney contacted us and we have helped them start their own Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Their service opened in March.

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